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1. The following earthmoving and transportation equipment has been received at the Danube-Black Sea Canal project:
- a. Electric power mechanical shovels of Soviet manufacture, fed by power lines, capacity of bucket 3 cubic meters, weight 165 tons, motor 6,000 volts, 400 kw., tracks with 5 wheels instead of rolls, similar to Demag equipment. Eleven of these mechanical shovels have been received but cannot be used since the electric power is not available. The power plant for this equipment will be purchased from Switzerland.
 - b. Kirov tractors, 5 gears forward, 4 in reverse; 80/93 horsepower, servo motor, weight 11,400 kilograms, draw-bar pull 8,800 kilograms in low gear, hydraulic steering clutch. Number of these tractors available is not known.
 - c. Scrapers of Soviet manufacture, D-147 mechanical with cables, with high-pressure pneumatic tires, capacity 6 - 8 cubic meters, power control unit similar to Le Tourneau equipment. These scrapers are copied from Le Tourneau equipment.
 - d. Coal-burning steam shovels of Czechoslovak manufacture, 2.5 cubic meters capacity. Quantity of these shovels available is not known.
 - e. Diesel shovels of Czechoslovak manufacture, capacity 1 cubic meter, weight 43 tons, power 110 horsepower, manual control similar to that used in P & H equipment; auxiliary clutches of the 10ft drum and the crowding drum are controlled by cables when lifting and gravity when digging. Quantity available is not known.
 - f. Seven-ton Diesel dump trucks manufactured by Skoda. The finish is described as poor. Quantity unknown.
 - g. Three-ton Prague trucks, fairly good quality but light construction. Quantity unknown.
 - h. Soviet 1 A Diesel two-stroke trucks. Quantity unknown.
 - i. Soviet ZIS trucks operating on gasoline (similar to the International) and GAZ vehicles (similar to the jeep). Quantities delivered are not known.

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2. Pre-war P & H earthmoving equipment presently used on the canal project has greatly astonished the Soviet and Rumanian engineers by its durability. After 7 - 8,000 hours of work the tracks and gears of this equipment is still in good condition. Only the pistons and piston rings require replacement.
3. It is reported that the "23 August" plant, formerly Malaxa, will manufacture ten bulldozers for Kirov tractors.
4. The Ministry of Agriculture has reportedly purchased three reconditioned P & H mechanical shovels in Italy.

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